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SUBJ: PAN AM CRASH

REF: JAKARTA 5321

PER YOUR REF THE FOLLOWING HANDWRITTEN REPORT  
WAS GIVEN TO PIERCE BY THE HEAD OF THE FBI TEAM  
ON APRIL 30.

QUOTE

THE FBI DISASTER SQUAD EXAMINED ALL PIECES OF REMAINS  
CONTAINED IN TEN BODY BAGS BROUGHT TO THE TEMPORARY  
MORGUE LOCATED IN A HANGAR AT DENPASAR INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORT. THE EXAMINATION WAS CONDUCTED ON APRIL 28, 1974  
WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT. EACH  
OF THE TEN BAGS CONTAINED NUMEROUS PIECES OF  
HUMAN REMAINS REPRESENTING A NUMBER OF PERSONS. THE  
REMAINS WERE IN AN ADVANCED STATE OF DECOMPOSITION AND  
PUTREFACTION. SOME OF THE REMAINS WERE CHARRED  
OR INCINERATED AND OTHER REMAINS WERE NOT BURNED.

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MOST OF THE REMAINS WERE INFECTED WITH MAGGOTS.

BASED ON THE NUMBER OF HUMAN PIECES AND TORSOS FOUND IN THE TEN BODY BAGS IT MUST BE CONCLUDED THAT PARTS OF 24 TO 38 PERSONS WERE CONTAINED IN THE TEN BODY BAGS. FROM THE ABOVE REMAINS, THE DISASTER SQUAD SECURED ONE OR MORE FINGERPRINTS FROM THE HANDS OF 16 SEPARATE PERSONS. THE PRINTS TAKEN FROM THE REMAINS WERE COMPARED WITH THE KNOWN FINGERPRINTS OF EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE CREW AND TWELVE OF THE AMERICAN PASSENGERS WITHOUT EFFECTING ANY IDENTIFICATION. ALSO FROM OUR FINGERPRINT FILES IN WASHINGTON, D.C., WE LOCATED 22 FINGERPRINT CARDS BASED ON A NAME ONLY SEARCH THAT MAY HAVE BEEN IDENTICAL WITH 22 OF THE FOREIGN PASSENGERS. THESE FINGERPRINTS WERE COMPARED WITH PRINTS TAKEN FROM THE REMAINS WITHOUT EFFECTING ANY IDENTIFICATIONS.

THE SQUAD ALSO LOCATED ON THE BODIES AS THEY WERE BEING EXAMINED, FOUR RINGS FROM FOUR SEPARATE REMAINS. THE DESCRIPTION DATA FROM THESE RINGS WAS TURNED OVER TO MR. GUS SCHEER OF PAN AM TOGETHER WITH THE RINGS. MR. SCHEER SUBSEQUENTLY TURNED THESE RINGS OVER TO THE INDONESIAN POLICE.

THE EXAMINATION OF THE REMAINS FAILED TO DISCLOSE ANY ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION DATA THAT WOULD BE USED FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES SUCH AS PERSONAL EFFECTS OR CLOTHING. AT A MEETING WITH AIR MARSHALL INDARTO ON APRIL 29, 1974 IT WAS DETERMINED THAT NO FURTHER REMAINS WOULD BE BROUGHT IN FROM THE CRASH SITE FOR IDENTIFICATION PROCESSING.

SIGNED EUGENE W. WHITMAN  
SPECIAL AGENT  
FBI DISASTER SQUAD

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THE TEAM WILL WRITE AN OFFICIAL REPORT WHEN THEY HAVE RETURNED TO WASHINGTON. USUALLY SUCH REPORTS ARE GIVEN SOLELY TO THE CARRIER, BUT MR. WHITMAN ASSURED CONSULATE PERSONNEL THAT ONE WOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT. AS THE NTSB TEAM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROCEED THROUGH THE INVESTIGATION, MR. LAMB, TEAM HEAD HAS ALSO STATED THAT HE WILL FILE SOME TYPE OF REPORT ON THE TEAM'S ACTIVITIES AT DENPASAR. WE WILL SUBMIT A REPORT IN THE NEAR FUTURE ON THE TEAM'S ACTIVITIES AS SEEN BY CONSULATE PERSONNEL AT DENPASAR.

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